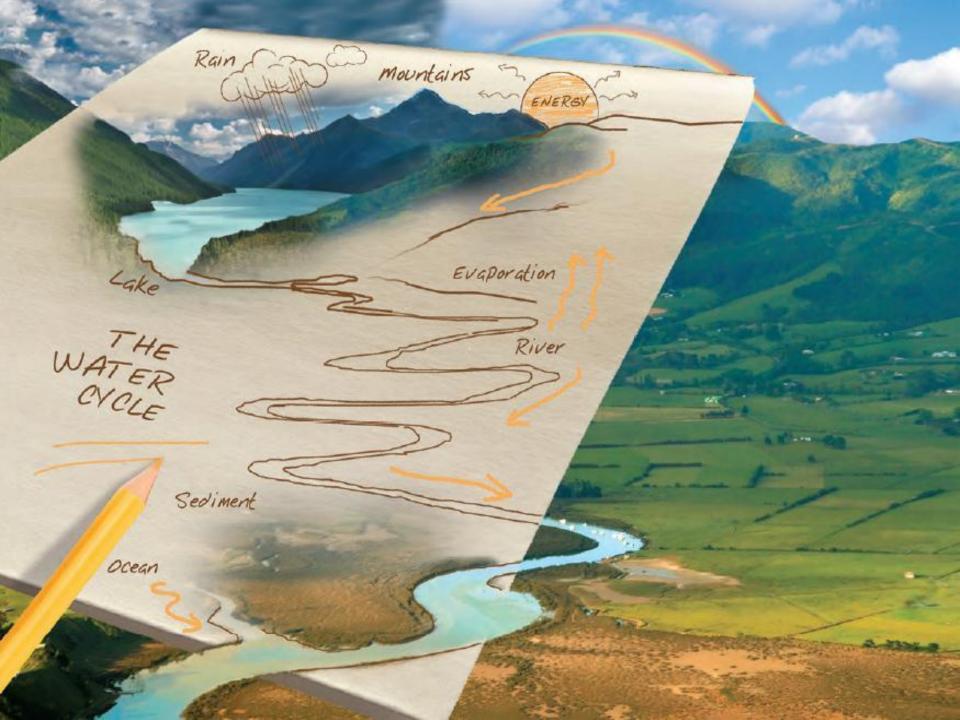




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Chapter Twenty-Three: How Water Shapes the Land

- 23.1 Weathering and Erosion
- 23.2 Shaping the Land
- 23.3 Sedimentary Rocks



Chapter 23.2 Learning Goals

- Tell what makes a river and describe its features.
- Discuss how rivers and glaciers move sediment.
- Use a model to describe how sediment is sorted by water.

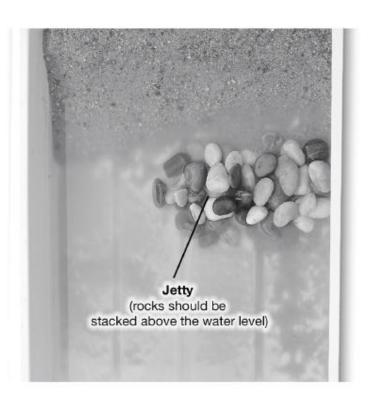


Investigation 23B

Human Impacts on Coastal Erosion

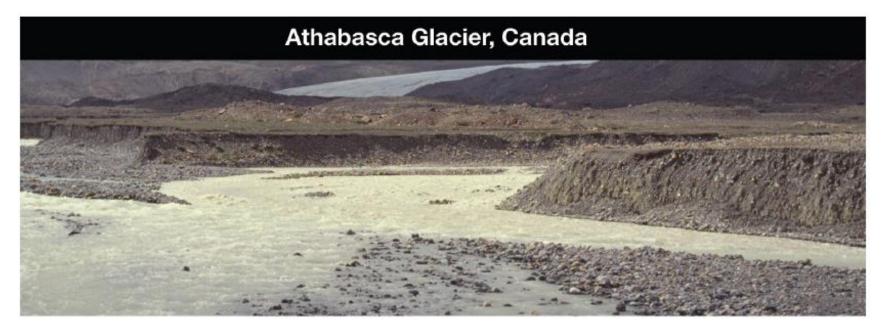
• Key Question:

How do people living and working in coastal areas affect erosion?



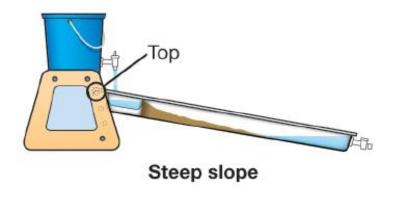


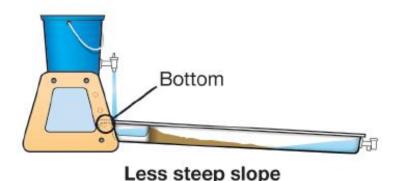
 * Both running water and glaciers alter the land by moving sediment to new locations.





- A stream table can model how water flows over the land.
- The steeper the slope, the faster the water and sediment will move over land.





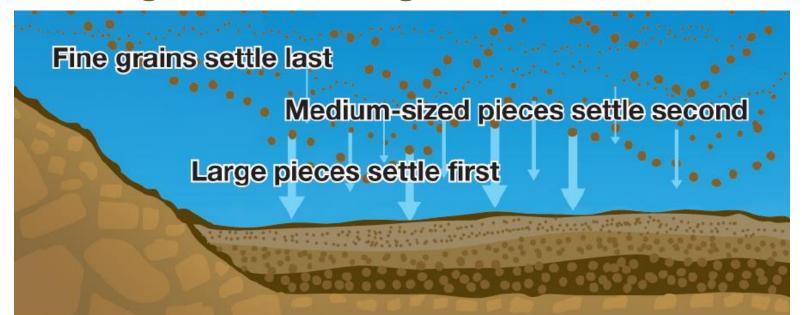


* The process of depositing sediment after it has been moved by water, wind, ice, or gravity is called deposition.



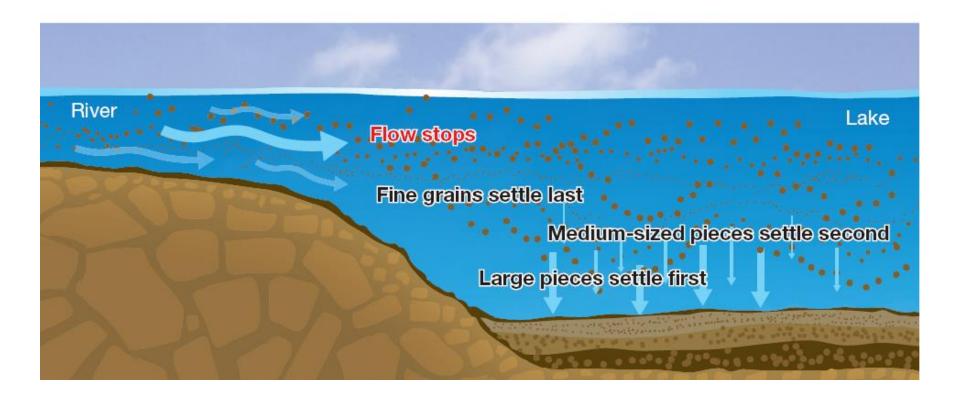


- * You can tell the speed of flowing water by the size of the rock pieces found on a stream bottom.
- * The grains settle in order, making a pattern called graded bedding.





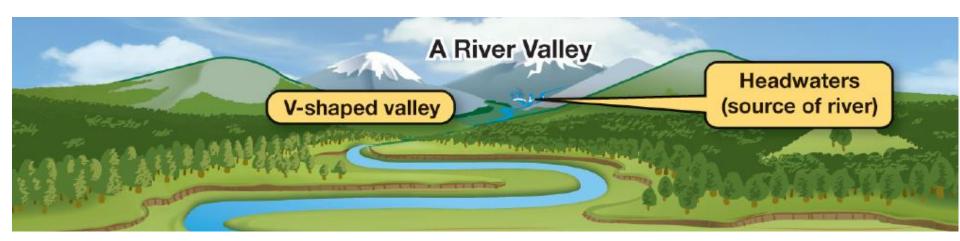
Graded Bedding





23.2 Rivers

- * A river is a large, flowing body of water while a stream is a small river.
- * The path that a river or stream follows is called a channel.





23.2 Rivers

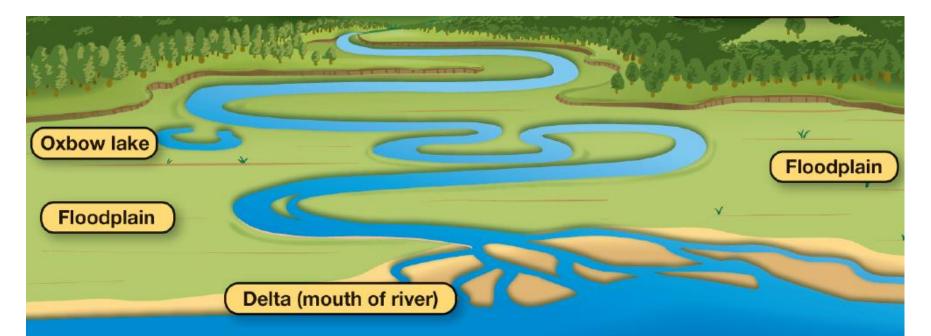
- * Erosion by rivers is an important part of why land looks the way it does at any given time.
- * Valleys are low-lying land features that are surrounded by higher land features such as hills and mountains.



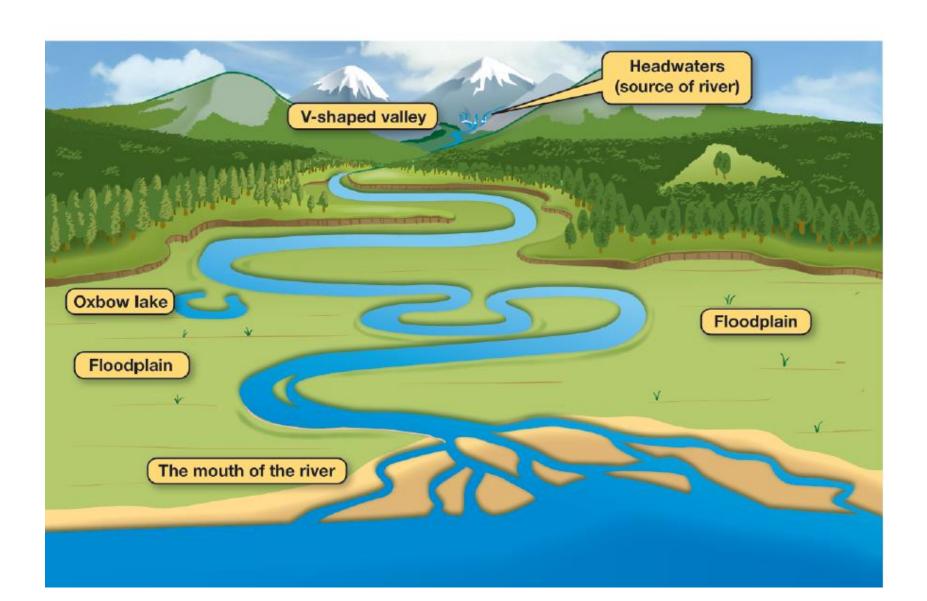


23.2 Rivers

- * A delta is the landform associated with the mouth of a river as it flows into an ocean, lake, or another river.
- * A floodplain is flat land alongside a river that tends to flood.



A River Valley



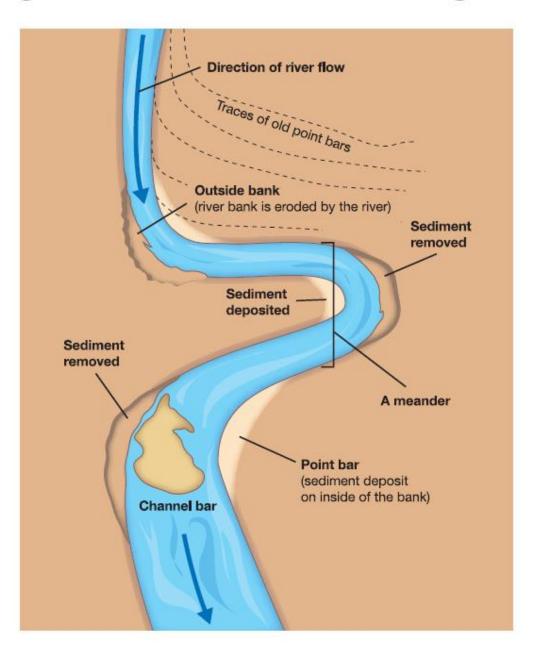


23.2 Meanders

- * Some rivers form S-shaped curves called meanders.
- * Water flows at different speeds in different parts of the river.



Diagram of a Meandering River





23.2 Meanders

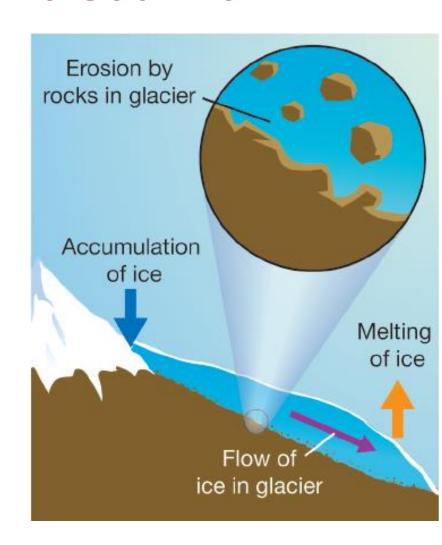
- A braided stream has many channels that criss-cross each other.
- Braided streams get their names from the braided appearance of their many channels.





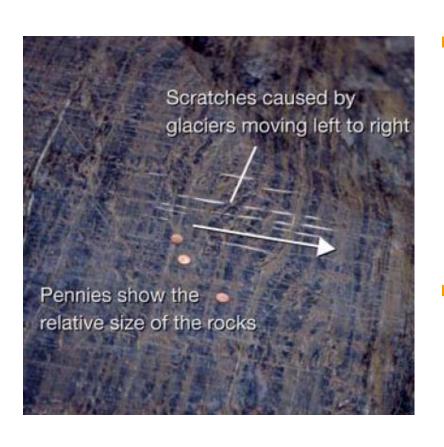
23.2 Glaciers move sediment

- * A glacier forms on land when snow and ice accumulate faster than they melt.
- * As layers grow, pressure builds and changes the snow to thick ice.
- * The thick ice becomes so heavy that it becomes plastic and flows.





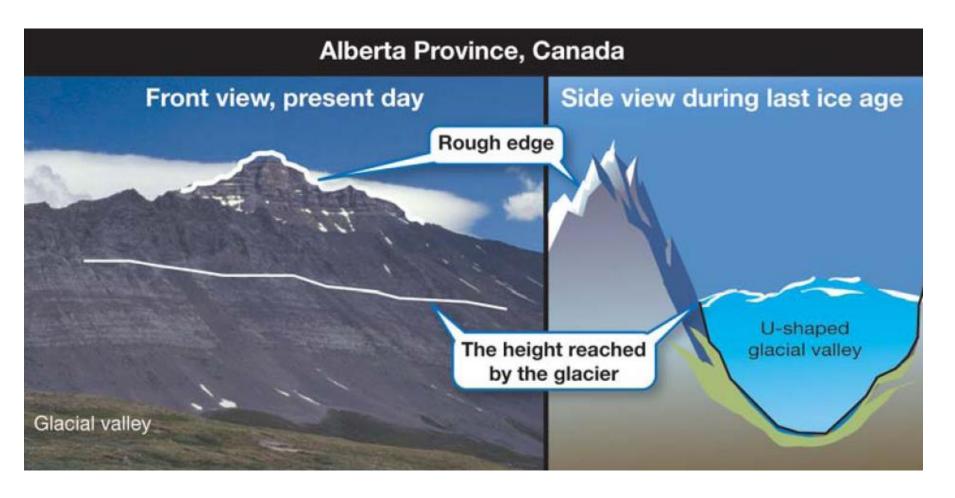
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- * As the ice of a glacier flows down a valley, it grinds the valley floor with pieces of rock caught up in the ice.
- * This grinding smooths the rock it encounters and changes the shape of the valley so that it is *U*-shaped.



23.2 Glaciers move sediment





23.2 The effects of ice and glaciers on land and our climate

- About 30% of Earth's surface was covered by glaciers 10,000 years ago.
- Retreating glaciers often leave behind large blocks of ice, surrounded by rock and sediment.
- Rocky soil in New England is evidence of glaciers moving and depositing rocks and sediment.



23.2 The effects of ice and glaciers on land and our climate

As the climate warms and glaciers melt, huge piles of rocks scratch surfaces and erode valleys or mountaintops.





23.2 The effects of ice and glaciers on land and our climate



- * Permafrost is permanently frozen soil.
- * The amount of permafrost on Earth is decreasing, another concern of scientists studying climate change.